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**RE: CC Docket No. 01-92
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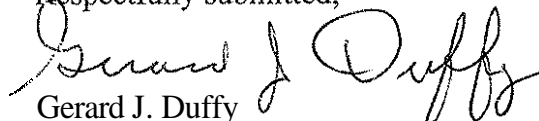
Dear Ms. Dortch

On April 16, 2007, Greg Dean, Randy Houdek, Mark Bahnson, Rod Bowar, Ryan Thompson, John Tormoehlen, Jerry Reisenauer and Gerard J. Duffy representing the South Dakota Telecommunications Association ("SDTA") met with Scott M. Deutchman, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to discuss generally the concerns of South Dakota rural telephone companies regarding intercarrier compensation and universal service.

The topics included: (1) the need for a fair and reasonable resolution of the respective transport obligations of rural telephone companies and wireless carriers; (2) the need for Commission action on the phantom traffic proposals in the Missoula Plan; (3) the status of the other Missoula Plan proposals; (4) the need for sufficient and stable Universal Service support in order to enable rural telephone companies to obtain the loans necessary for infrastructure investment; (5) the likely adverse impacts of reverse Universal Service auctions upon rural investment incentives and loan funds; and (6) the advantages and disadvantages of various potential interim measures (such as freezes and caps) for controlling the growth of the Universal Service Fund.

This notice is being filed via the Electronic Comment Filing System in each of the referenced dockets.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerard J. Duffy

cc: Scott M. Deutchman